



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: 09/978,403 Group Art Unit: 1647  
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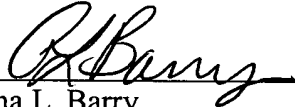
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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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